

**Antiphonal Reading:** A New Way by Stephen Shick,  
adapted

We have only begun to learn to live on this earth.

*But the water is rising, the air is foul, the fires are  
burning, the storms are raging.*

We have only begun to breath in earth's beauty and  
breath out earth's peace.

*But the sky is heavy with whirlwinds of our neglect.*

We have only begun to listen to the wind, how it  
roars and whispers for our attention.

*But the land has been laid waste, robbed, and ruined.*

We have only begun to reclaim the earth, to  
recognize it as the ground of our being

*But so many have been lost, extinctions of our siblings  
are everywhere.*

We are learning again to say, "This is our family, and  
we are theirs."

*We must learn to live a new way on the earth.*

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We’ve got the whole world in our hands.

We’ve got the skies and the clouds in our hands (3x)  
We’ve got the whole world in our hands.

We’ve got the rivers and the seas in our hands (3x)  
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